

COLGATE & COMPANY JERSEY CITY PLANT: ESSEX STREET GUARD HOUSE HAER No. NJ-71-PP
(Colgate-Palmolive Company Jersey City Plant: Essex Street Guard House)
30 Essex Street
Jersey City
Hudson County
New Jersey

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- Location:** 30 Essex Street, Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey
- Significance:** Colgate-Palmolive built the guard house as part of a program to enclose streets along the Jersey City plant perimeter to increase plant security. Although not an individually significant structure, the Essex Street Guard House has some significance as part of the Jersey City plant.
- Description:** The guard house is a one-story, 12-by-13-foot structure built of concrete-filled cinder block on a six-inch concrete floor slab and concrete footings. It has aluminum horizontal sliding windows. Located at the northwest corner of Essex and Hudson streets, the guard house is at the west end of a sliding metal gate used to block off the Hudson Street access to the south end of the Jersey City plant.
- History:** In 1975, the Colgate-Palmolive Company secured rights to most of the public streets within the Jersey City plant. The Jersey City Council vacated public interest in all of Hudson and Grand, and parts of Morris and Sussex, streets within the plant area, in response to the company's request for these rights in an effort to stem rising losses to theft. The Essex Street Guard House was one of three guard houses erected at this time, with the other two added to the sides of buildings B-14 and K-1 (HAER Nos. NJ-71-N and NJ-71-QQ)

Sources:

Plan:

The Colgate-Palmolive Company has one drawing of the guard house, currently (1991) held in L-1 (HAER No. NJ-71-SS). For future access, researchers should contact the company's Office of Corporate Communications, 300 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

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1975 Gate House Hudson-Essex St. Dwg. No. 2-7178.

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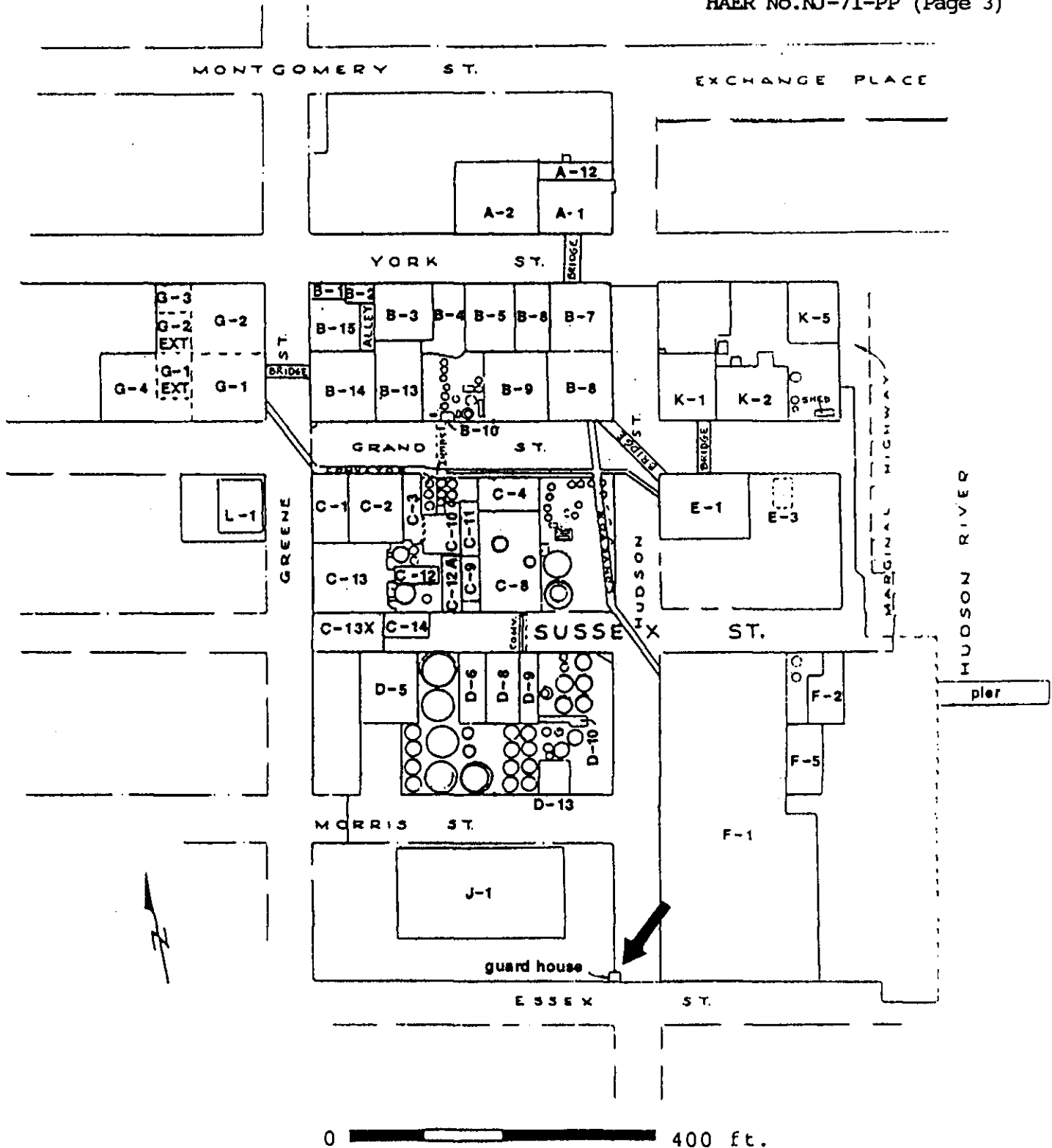


Figure 1. ESSEX STREET GUARD HOUSE LOCATION AT COLGATE JERSEY CITY PLANT